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Parliament Acts

These be the Statutes establi-
shed in diuers Parlyaments, for
the mistery of the Pewterers of Lon-
don, and concerning the searck of pew-
ter, brasse, and vnttrue beames and
weights, and for deceiuable Hatokers,
with diuers other orders and redresses
to be had in the sayd mystery, with the
renewing and confirming of the same
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An acte made the fourth yeere of
our Soueraigne Lord, King Henry the viij.
concerning Pewterers, and true weights
and Beames. the vij. chapter.



OR as much as a certaine
Acte was made and stablished, in the
Parlyament holden at Westmin-
ster, the xij. of the raigne of the last
most famous King, your father,
Henry the vij. (whom G O D pardon :) concer-
ning Pewterers and Brasiers, hauking and
walking about the Countreyes, and also concer-
ning false Beames, Scales and Weights, with
a prouision for casting of fine Mettall and of per-
fect goodnesse, which acte was made to endure
to the next Parliament, the tennoz whereof
in furth.

That where many simple and euill disposed
persons, of thys your Realme of England, vsing
the sayd crafts, daily go about this your Realme,
from village, from Towne, and from house to
house, as well in woods and Forrests, as other pla-
ces, to buy Pewter and Brasie. And that know-
ing theeves and other pickers, that steale as well
Pewter and Brasie belonging to your High-
nesse, and vnder your marke, and to the Lordes
spirituall and temporall, as to other your Sub-
iectes of thys your Realme, bring soch stolen ves-
sels to them, in such hid places to sell, and sell it
for little or nought, and about they bring it to pri-
ue places, or into corners of Citties or Townes,

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and there sel much part of it to straungers, which carry it ouer the Sea by stealth.

Also, the sayde persons so going about, and diuers other vsing the sayde craftes, vse to make newe vessels, and to mixt good mettall and bad together, and make it nought and sell it for good stuffe: where in Deede the stuffe and mettall thereof, is not worth the fourth part that it is solde for, to the great hurt, Deceyt and losse of your Subiects.

Nota.

Also, dyuers persons vsing the sayde crafts, haue Deceiueable and false Beames and Scales, that one of them wyll stand even with twelue pound weight at the one ende, against a quarter of a pounce at the other ende, to the singuler advantage of themselves, and to the great Deceyt and losse of your Subiects, buyers and sellers with them.

The ordinance.

For reformation of the premises, it woulde please your Highnesse, of your most aboundant grace, with the aduise of your Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, to enact and stabliss, that no person, nor persons, vsing the sayde craft of Pewterers and Brasiers, from henceforth shall sell or chaunge any Pewter or brasie, newe or olde, at any place, or places, within this your Realme, but onely in open fayers or Markets, or in theyr own dwelling houses, but if they be desired by the buyers of such wares: vppon paine of forfeiture to our Soueraigne Lorde the King, for every such Default, ten pounds.

Penaltie
x. pound.

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Also by the same authority, may it be establi- Nota.
shed, that no person, nor persons, of what con-
dition or degree so ever, hee or they bee, from
henceforth (wythin the Cittie of London, and
Dorke, or without,) eyther cast, or worke any
Pewter vessels, or Brasse, at any place, or pla-
ces, within this your Realm: but that it be as
good fine mettall, as is the Pewter and brasse,
cast and wrought after the perfect goodnesse of
the same within the Cittie of London, and by
the statutes of the same ought to be, vpon payne
of forfeiture of all such Pewter and Brasse so
cast and wrought, of worse Pewter or Brasse
than ought to be wrought in the same Citties.
The one halfe of every such forfeiture, to bee to
the vse of your Highnesse, and the other halfe
to the vse of the finders therof.

Provided alwayes, that thys forfeiture in Provision
no wise extend to brasse or pewter, being in the
possession of any person, other than the wor-
kers of the same, or such as haue the same to
sell, and being of the craftes or mystery. Also
that it may by the same authoritie be enacted Nota.
and stablished, that no maner of person, or per-
sons, of what degree or condition soever, hee or
they be, from henceforth make no hollowe wares
of Pewter. That is to say, Saltes and Pots,
that is made of pewter, called ley mettall, but
that it may bee after the assyse of pewter ley
mettall wrought within the Cittie of London.
And that y makers of such wares, shall marke Penaltie.
the same with severall markes of theyr owne,
to the intent that the makers of such wares

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shall auowe the same wares by them (as is abovesayd) to bee wrought.

Penaltie.

And that all and euery such wares, not sufficiently made and wrought, and not marked in fourme aboue saide, founden in the possession of the same maker or seller, to bee forfeited. And if the same ware be sold, the saide maker to forfeit $\frac{1}{2}$ value of $\frac{1}{2}$ same, so vnlawefully wrought and sold, the one halfe of the saide wares, or the value thereof, to be to the vse of your Highnesse, and the other halfe to be to the vse of the finders or searchers of the same.

Beams & weights.

Also that it may (by the same authoritie) be enacted and stablished, that if any person or persons, heereafter vsing buying and selling of Pewter or brasse, that hereafter occupy any deceauable or false beames, or weights, of $\frac{1}{2}$ said wares, that euery such person or persons vsing or occupying such deceivable & vnttrue beames or weights, to forfeit twentie shillings: the one halfe to the King, and the other halfe to the party that therefore shall sue by action of debt. And that in the sayde action, no protection nor essoyne shall bee allowed. And also the sayde party so offending, shall forfeit hys Beame to him that shall sease it. And if the saide offender, or offenders, be not sufficient to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ sayd somme, or sommes, by them so forfeited, that then it shall be lawoful to the Mayors, Baylifs, or other head Officers of such place, or places, where any such offenders shalbe found, to put them in the Stockes, and them so to keepe till the next Market Day, next adioyning, and in

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the Market place to put them in the Pillory all the Market tyme. And furthermore, that it be lawfull by the sayd authoritie, that the Maior and Wardaines of the sayd craft of Pewterers, within every Cittie or Borough of this Realme, where such Wardaines are. And where no such wardaines are, the head officers or governours of the same Cittie, or Borough, to appoint certayne persons most expert in the knowledge of the same, to make search wythin the said Citties or boroughs where they dwel. And over this, the Justices of peace wythin every shire, at the generall Sessions holden at Michaelmas, shall assigne and appoynt two certayne persons, having experience therein, to make search in the premises, in every part of the shire, as wel within the franchise as without, saving in Citties or boroughs where searchers be appointed by the heads or governours of the same. And that all such unlawfull pewter or brasse, as the sayde searchers shall finde, the one halfe to the vse of your Grace, and the other halfe to the searchers. And that in the default of the sayde Maiors and Wardaines of the saide occupations, not searching in forme as is aforesaid, and whereby that any such unlawfull Mettall is cast or made, or unlawfull weightes used, that then it shalbe lawfull to any person, or persons, having sufficiēt cunning & knowledge in the saide occupations, by oversight of the Maiors, Baylifs, or head Officers of the said Citties, and boroughs, and townes, to search all the saide places, and to put those
saide

Search.

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For true
mettall
Et work-
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saide authoritie and aue in execution, in forme
aforesaide. Please it therefore your Grace, and
wisdomes, in so much as the said act is thought
good and profitable, that it bee ordained, en-
acted, and established, by the Lordes spirituall
and temporall, and the commons in this pre-
sent Parliament assembled, and by the autho-
ritie of the same, that the saide act may endure
fozeuer. And ouer, that it bee enacted by the
said authority, that if any vnttrue, or deceivable
mettall, or workmanship of Tinne or Pewter,
bee founden, eyther in Platters, Chargers,
Dishes, Sawcers, Potengers, Trenchers,
Basons, Flagons, Bottles, Pottes, Saltse-
lers, Goblets, Spoons, Cruets, or Candle-
sticks, or in any other such wares of Tinne or
Pewter, where soeuer it bee cast, made, or
wrought, within this Realme or without, and
brought to bee solde wythin the same Realme.
That then it shall bee lawfull to the Mayor of
the Cittie of London, and the Mayster and
Wardaynes of the craft of Pewterers of the
sayd Cittie, for the time being, and theyr depu-
ties, to haue search of the same, within the cit-
tie of London, and the suburbes of the same,
and that in all other Citties, Borroughs, and
Townes, where any Wardaines be, or shal be,
the Mayors, Baylifs, or head Officers, and
Wardaines to haue like authoritie.

And where no Wardaynes be, then the head
Officers or gouernours of the same Citties,
Boroughs, and Townes, to appoint certain
persons most expert & cunning in knowledge

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of the same, to make search within þe sayd citties, boroughs, and townes where they dwell.

And if any such new wares, wrought of Tin and Pewter as is aforesayd, be found defective, and being in the possession of the seller, that then the same person or persons, that putteth any such new wares of pewter to sale, shal forfeit the same wares, the one half to the vse of our Soueraigne Lord the King, and the other halfe to the searchers or finders of the same. Pewter being defective to be forfeited.


Provided alway, that this act concerning þe forfeiture, be not prejudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, having graunt of our Soueraigne Lord þe King, or of any of his noble Progenitors by his letters pattents of such forfeiture, but that they and every of them shal haue & enjoy the same according to their former graunts and liberties. Provision

An Acte concerning Pewterers, made

in the xxv. yeere of the reigne of our So-

ueraigne Lord, King Henry the eyght,

in the ninth Chapter.

 N theyr most lamentable wise shew-
en, and pitteously complaine vnto the
Kings most royall Maiestie, & to this
most high Courte of Parliament, the
Kings most humble poore and obeysaunt subiects,
the Maister, wardaines, & poore fellowship of the
craft & mistery of Pewterers, as wel of the Citty
of London, as of all other places within thys
Realme of England, that where the said craft or
mistery Petition.

mistry, before this time hath been one of the best handicrafts within this Realme, which hath not onely growen and continued by meane of diuers good acts and statutes made for the true exercise of the same, whereof one was made in the xij. yeere of the Kings most renowned father, whose soule God pardon. And one other was made in the fourth yeere of the Kings most victorious raign, concerning the crafts of Pewterers and Brasiers, of & for the true making, murthering, and selling of good and true pewter, and brasen vessels. And also for exercising and vsing of true weights and beames, to be occupied by the sellers of any such pewter or brasen vessels, within this Realme, so that none of the Kings Subiects, nor any other person, should (by any sale of any false mixed brasen and pewter vessell, or any untrue weights) bee deceiued, as by the sayde statutes more plainly dooth appeare.

Which good Statutes duely put in execution, hath caused the saide craft to encrease and multiplye, to the great profite and vtilitie of a great number of the Kings Subiects, and the commoditie of pewter vessell much to be had in reputation, in all straunge Regions and Countreys, vntill now of late, diuers euill disposed persons, being the Kings Subiects borne, which haue been apprentices and brought vp, in the exercise of the sayde crafte of Pewterers, haue nowe of late, for their singular lucre, repayred into straunge Regions and Countreys, and there doe exercise the saide craft of Pewterers, teaching straungers

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not onely the cunning of mixing and forging of
all manner of Pewter vessel) but also doo teach
all thinges belonging to the sayde craft of Pew-
terers. By meanes whereof, there is not onely
brought (Daylie into this Realme) out of strange
Regions to bee solde, great number of thinges
made of Pewter, vntreuely mixed, and made of
Tinne, wherewith the Kings Subiectes bee dai-
ly deceived, and the people of strange Countries
greatly instructed, in the cunning of the said craft
of Pewterers, in such wise that thereby not one-
ly a great number and quantity of pewter vessel,
and other thinges of pewter, made in diuers sorts
and fashions, amounting to a great value, which
was dayly and continually wont to bee carryed
and conueied out of this Realme, by Merchants,
into straunge Regions and Countries, and there
to be sold and vendid. Whereby the commoditie
of Tin made into Pewter vessel, which hath bin
had in great estimation, as thinges very necessary
and commodious, & the kings customes thereby
much aduaunced, is now lyke vtterly to cease
and decay, and not to bee esteemed as heretofore
hath bene but also the sayde craft of Pewterers,
which at this day setteth and keepeth in worke
and occupation, a great number of people, shalbe
be vtterly vndone. And a great multitude of the
kings natural subiects, thereby fall into idlenes,
to the great impouerishment of this Realme, if
spedy remedy for the redresse of the premises bee
not provided.

In tender consideration wherof, and for refor-
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Any man-
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Pewter
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out of this
Realm to
be forfei-
ted.

Search &
seasure.

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mation of the premisses, it may please your high-
nesse, by the assent of the Lords spiritual and
temporal, and the commons in this present Par-
lyament assembled, and by the authoritie of the
same, to ordeyne and enact, that no person or per-
sons hereafter, at any time now inhabiting, or
which hereafter shal inhabite within this Realme
shall buy, or otherwise take by erchaung for other
wares, any wares made, or hereafter to be made
out of this Realme, of Tin, or mixt with Tin, as
Platters, Dishes, Sawcers, Pottes, Basyns,
Cwers, Flagons, Goblets, Salte, Saltcellers,
Spoones, or any other thing made of Tinne or
Pewter as aforesaide, whatsoeuer it bee, vppon
paine of forfeiture of the same ware, in whole
hands soeuer it may be found or taken: and also,
lawfull money currant in this Realme to the va-
lue thereof. The one halfe of the same forfeiture
to be to the vse of the Kings Highnesse, and the
ther halfe to the vse of the finders of the same.

And furthermore be it enacted, that it shall be
lawfull for the Maister & wardaines of the sayde
craft of Pewterers, as well within the Cittie of
London, as within euery other Cittie, Borough,
and Town of this Realme where such wardaines
bee. And where no such wardaynes bee, to the
head Officer or gouernour, head Officers or go-
uernours of the same Cittie, Borough, or towne,
for the time beeing, to appoynt diuers persons
most expert in knowledge of the same, to make
search and seasure, and to take into theyr hands
and possession all such wares as hereafter shall
be brought contrary to the true intent and effect

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of thys present Acte, in whose soever handes or possessions any such shall be found.

And also be it enacted by the authoritie abovesaide, that no person or persons, occupying the sayde craft or occupation of Dewterers, wythin this Realme, shall set on worke, or retayne in hys or theys service, any person or persons, to be his or their Apprentice or Journey-man, beeing straunger borne out of this Realme, vppon payne to forfeit for euery such Apprentice and Journey-man, ten poundes sterling. And that no straunger, borne out of this Realm, shall occupy, exercise, or vse from the feast of Pentecost, next comming, the saide craft of Dewterers, nor worke any manner of vessel or other ware aforesaide to bee made of Tinne or Dewter, within any place or places of this Realme, vppon payne of forfeiture of tenne poundes sterling: and also, vppon payne of forfeiture of the same Dewter or Tinne so wrought, in whose hands soeuer it may be taken or found.

And also, bee it enacted by authoritie aforesaid, that no person nor persons, beeing borne within this Realme, occupying or exercising the sayde craft of Dewterers, shall at any time heerealter resort to any straunge Regions or Countreys, there to vse, teach or exercise y^e said craft of Dewterers, vpon paine to lose the priueledge and benefite of an Englishman. And if in case any of the Kings Subiects at this present time, beeing dwelling in any straunge Countrey or Region, and there occupying the sayde craft of Dewterers, doe not repayre into thys Realme, within thre moneths next after request and warning

Premises
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straungers
borne.

Straungers
shall not
worke
pewter
within the
Realme.

Exercise
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to him be giuen, by writing sealed with the com-
mon seale of the Wardaynes of the sayde citie,
within the sayde Cittie of London, and here in
this Realme continually from henceforth dwel-
inhabit, that then & from henceforth he shalbe
ken & reputed as no Englishman, but shall stand
& be from henceforth out of the Kings protection.

Hawkers.

And forasmuch as sundry euil disposid persons
which commonly bee called Hawkers, by autho-
ritie of the Kings letters pattents or placardes
do not only goe about from place to place, within
this Realme, vsing buying and selling of brasse
and pewter. And by coulour and pretence of the
same Lycences and Placardes, vse vnlawfull
and deceyueable weights and Beames, but also
do vse to sell both pewter and brasse, which is not
good, nor truely, nor lawfully mixt nor wrought,
to the great deceit of the Kings true liege people,
contrary to the fourme and effect of the sayd good
Act and Statute made in the sayde fourth yere
of the Kings most noble raigne. Be it therefore
enacted by authority of this present Parliament
that all such lycences and placardes heeretofore
had, made, or graunted to any such person or per-
sons, contrarie to the true meaning, fourme, and
effect of thys Statute shalbe from henceforth by
authoritie of this present Parliament, cleerely
voyde and of none effect. And where as in the
saide act of Parliament, (concerning the craft of
Pewterers & Brasiers) made in the sayde fourth
yeere, for diuers causes and considerations in the
same contayned, among other things, it is expres-
sed that no person, or persons, vsing the said craft

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of Pewterers or Brasiers should fro henceforth
sell or chaunge any Pewter or brasle, new or olde,
at any place or places within this Realme, but
only in open Fayres and Markets, or in theyr
owne dwelling houses, but if they were desired
by the buyers of such wares, upon paine of forfei-
ture for euery such default, ten pounds.

And for as much as the same forfeiture is to the
only vse of the Kings highnesse, & that any partie
searching or finding the same, is not intituled to
haue any benefit therby, it hath not been knownen
that any person, or persons, haue taken any paine
to insearch or make any inquiry thereof. By rea-
son whereof, diuers and many euill disposed per-
sons, vsing buying and selling both of brasle and
pewter, and not regarding the saide good act, nor
the said penalty, daily goe about from village to
village, Towne & towne, and from house to house,
to sell such pewter and brasle, which is not good.
And also vse Deceiueable Weyghts and Beames
as they did before the making of the sayd act, to
the great hurt and deceite of the Kings true liege
people and Subiects. Wherefore be it enacted
by the authoritie abouesayde, that as well the
moytie of the sayd forfeiture of ten poundes, limi-
ted in the saide estatute made in the sayd fourth
yere, as also the moytie of all other forfeitures
before expressed, and euery of them bee and shall
bee to the vse of the Kings highnesse, his Heyres
and Successors: and the other moytie of the same
forfeitures, and euery of them, to the vse of him,
or them, that shall leaze, finde, or present the sayd
forfeitures, or any of them, or that shall sue for
the

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Penalty
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the same in any competent Court or Courts within this Realme by action of Debt, bill, plaint or information, wherein the Defendant shall in no wise be admitted to wage his law, or any protection or esoyne to any person or persons, which shalbe impeached to haue offended contrary to the forme and effect of this Statute, shall be allowable. This act to endure to the last Day of the next Parliament.

¶ The annotations of the confirmacions and renouations of the aforesayde Statutes.

Confir-
mation.

AND it is to be noted that the saide last act was renewed in the Parliament holden at Westminster, the viij. Day of June, in the xxviii. yere of our sayde Soueraigne Lorde, to and among other actes. And that all causes, articles, & provisions therein contayned, to stand in their force and strength, to the last Day of the next Parliament. And also, the sayde act was renewed agayne in the Parliament holden at Westminster the xviii. of Aprill, in the xxi. yere of our sayde Soueraigne Lorde, amongst other actes, as is aforesayde. &c.

An acte concerning Pewterers made in the xxxiiij. yeare of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lord King Henry the viij. Chap. iiij.

Recitall
of the

Where at the Parliament begun at London the thirde Day of Nouember, in the xxi. yere

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at the raigne of the King our Soueraigne Lord, Statute
and from thence adiourned to Westminster, and made the
there holden, and from that time continued by xxx. yere
diuers progenitors, vnto the xv. day of January,
the xxv. yeere of his most noble raigne, it was or-
dayned and establiſhed by the aſſent of the Kings
Maeſty, his Lords ſpiritual & temporal, and the
commons in the ſaid Parlyament then aſſembled,
and by the authoritie of the ſame, that no perſon,
or perſons, from that time than inhabiting, or
which after that time ſhould inhabit within this
Realme, ſhould buy, or otherwiſe take by exchange
for other wares, any manner wares made, or
hereafter to be made out of this Realme, of Tin,
or mixt with Tin, as Platters, Diſhes, ſawcers,
Pots, Baſins, Cewers, flagons, Goblettes,
Saltes, Saltſellers, Spewes, or any other
thing made of Tin or pewter as aforeſayd, what-
ſoeuer it were, bypon payne of forfeiture of the
ſame wares, in whole hands ſoeuer it might bee
found or taken, and alſo lawfull money currant
in this Realme, to the full value thereof, the one
halfe of the ſame forfeiture to be to the uſe of the
Kings highneſſe, and the other halfe to be to the
uſe of the finders of the ſame. And further it was
enacted, that it ſhould be lawfull to the Maiſter
and Wardaines of the Pewterers, as wel with-
in the Cittie of London, as within euery other
Cittie, Borough, or Towne within this Realme
where ſuch Wardaines were, and where no ſuch
Wardaynes were, to the head Officer or gouer-
nour, head Officers or gouernours of the ſame
Cittie, Borough, or Towne for the time being,
to

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to appoint diuers persons, most expert in knowledge of the same, to make search and seizure, and to take into their hands and possession, all such wares as thereafter should be brought contrary to the true intent and effect of the sayde act, in whose soeuer hands or possessions any such should be found. And it was also enacted by the authoritie aboue sayde, that no person, or persons, occupying the sayde craft or occupation of Pewterers, within this Realme, should set on worke, or retaine in his or their seruice, any person, or persons, to be his or their apprentice, or Journeyman, or straunger borne out of this Realme, vpon paine to forfeit for euery such Apprentice and Journeyman, ten poundes sterling: And that no straunger, borne out of this Realme, should occupy, exercise, or vse, from the feast of Pentecost then next comming, the said craft of Pewterers, nor worke any manner of vessels, nor other ware aforesayd, to be made of Tin or Pewter, within any place or places of this Realme, vpon paine of forfeiture of ten poundes sterling: and also, vpon payne of forfeiture of the same pewter or Tin, so brought, in whose handes soeuer it should be found or taken. And it was further enacted by the sayde authoritie, that no person, or persons, being borne within this Realme, then occupying or exercising the sayd craft of Pewterers, should from thenceforth resort into any straunge Regions or Countreys, there to vse, teach, or exercise the saide craft of Pewterers, vpon paine to lose the privilege and benefite of an Englishman.

And if in case any of the Kings Subiects, at that

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that time being, dwelling in any straunge Countrey or Region, and there occupping the said craft of Pewterers, dyd not repayre into this Realme, within thre moneths next after request & warning to him to be giuen, by writing sealed wyth the common seale of the Wardaines of the sayde craft, within the said Cittie of London, and here in this Realme continually (from thenceforth) dwell and inhabit, that then and from henceforth he should bee reputed and taken as no Englishman, but should stand and be from henceforth out of the Kings protection.

And it was than further enacted, that where sundry euill Disposed persons, which commonly were called hawkers, by authority of the Kings Letters patents, or Placarde, did not onely goe about from place to place, within this Realme, vsing buying and selling of brasse and pewter, and by colour and pretence of the same Lycenses or Placardes, did not only vse vnlawfull & deceivable weights and beames, but also did vse to sell both Brasse and Pewter which was not good, nor truely or lawfully mixt or wrought, to the great Deceit of the Kings true liege people, contrary to the fourme and effect of a good and laudable acte and statute, made in the fourth yeere of the Kings said most noble raigne, that all such lycenses & placards, afoze that time had made or graunted to any such person, or persons, contrary to the true meaning, fourme, and effect of the sayd estatute, should bee from thenceforth by the authority of the sayd Parliament, clereley voyde and of none effect. And where as in the sayde

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acte of Parliament (concerning the sayd craft of Pewterers & Brasiers) made in the saide fourth yeere, for diuers causes and considerations in the same act contained, amongst other things, it was expressed, that no person or persons, vsing the said craft of Pewterers or Brasiers, should from henceforth sell or chaunge any pewter or Brasse, newe or olde, at any place or places within this Realme, but onely in open Faires and Markets, or in their owne dwelling houses, but if they were desired by the buyers of such wares, vpon paine of forfeiture for euery such defaulte tenne poundes. And so than the same forfeiture was to the onely vse of the Kings highnes, and the party searching or finding the same was not intituled to haue any benefite therby: it was not knowen that any person or persons had taken any paines to insearch or make any inquiry thereof. By reason wherof diuers & many euill disposed persons than vsing buying and selling as wel of brasse as pewter, and not regarding the said good acte, nor the saide penalty, went dayly about from Village to Village, Towne to Towne, and from house to house, to sell such pewter and brasse, which was not good, and also vsed deceiueable weights and Beames, as they did before the making of the sayd acte, to the great hurt and deceit of the Kings true liege people and Subiectes. Wherefore it was enacted by the authoritie of the sayde Parliament, that aswell the moytie of the sayd forfeiture of ten poundes lymited in the saide statute made in the saide fourth yeere, as also the moytie of all other forfeitures and penalties, expressed
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and specified in the sayd actes, and euery of them should be to the vse of the Kings Highnesse, hys heires and Successors, and the other moztie of the same forfeitures and penalties, and euery of them, to the vse of him or them that would seaze, finde, or present the same forfeitures, or any of them, or that would sue for the same in any competent Court or Courtes within this Realme, by action of debt, byll, plaint or information wherein the Defendant should in no wise bee admitted to wage his lawe, or any protection or essoyne to any person or persons which should be impeached to haue offended, contrary to the forme and effect of this Statute, should bee allowable, as in the sayde acte more plainly appeareth, which acte was appointed to endure onelie to the ende of the next Parliament, then next following, & which act was afterward renewed in the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the xxviij. yeere of the raigne of our said Soueraigne Lord, to endure untill the ende of the next Parliament then next following: And which act was also renewed at the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the xxxj. and xxxii. yeeres of our sayde Soueraigne Lordes raigne to endure untill the last day of the next Parliament then next ensuing: **Prayen Confirmation.** therefore in this present Parliament our sayde Soueraigne Lords true and obedient Subiects, the Petitioner of this his saide Realme, & other the true commons of the same, because the same acte is beneficiall and necessary for the commonwealth of this Realme: That it may be enacted by the Kinge our sayde Soueraigne Lord, the

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Lordes spirituall & temporall, and the commons in the present Parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, for as much as the same act, and euery thing therein contained, is good and beneficiall to the Common-wealth of this Realme, that all and euery the sayde acts and statutes, and all & euery article, sentence, and clause comprised in the same, may from henceforth stand and abide in as full strength and effect, for euermore from henceforth to endure, according to the purport, tenour and effect of the same act and acts, as though the sayd articles, sentences, and clauses, were specially limited, recited, or declared in this present act. And that no person, ne persons, from henceforth buy or take by exchaunge, or otherwise take into or within this Realme, to the intent to sell any such thinges or wares, aboue rehearsed, made or to be made out of this Realme, vpon paine of like forfeitures & penalties, as are and were expressed in the sayde seuerall acts, the same penalties and forfeitures to be leuyed as is afore expressed.

And that it may be further enacted by authoritie aforesaide, that if any person, or persons, doo unlawfully withstand, interrupt, disturbe, or let the Maister and Wardaines, or their Deputies of the sayd craft of Pewterers, for the time being, or the head Officer or gouernour, head Officers or gouernours of Citties, Townes, & Boroughs, within this Realm, wherein no such Maister and Wardaines are, or shalbe, or any of them, in searching, seasing, and taking into their handes and possessions such wares as shall happen to be bought

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bought, or brought into thys Realme contrary to
the purport and effect of the sayde estatute, made
in the sayde xxv. yeere of the raigne of our sayde
Souveraigne Lorde, that then euery such person,
and persons, so offending, in letting, disturbing,
or withstanding the sayd seasure, or taking of such
wares as is aforesaide, shall lose and forfeit for
every time so doing, the summe of fyue poundes
sterling, the one halfe wherof, shalbe to the Kings
use, and the other halfe to him or them that will
or shall sue for the same, by action of debt, writ,
bill, playnt, or information in any the Kings
Courtes of recorde, in which action or suite, no
Protection, Priuiledge, nor wager of law, shall be
allowed nor admitted.

God saue the Queene.

Thomas Wood } Maister.

William Mayor }
Walter Hyll. } Wardens.

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